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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CVIS, PO

SUBJECT: FLA REQUESTS VISA FOR A MILITANT

1. FLA LEADER JOSE ALMEIDA CAME IN TO SEE ME UNANNOUNCED ON JUNE 30TH. HE BROUGHT THE PASSPORT AND VISA APPLICATION OF A FLA MILITANT AND REQUESTED THAT WE ISSUE A TOURIST VISA FOR 3 MONTHS BECAUSE INFORMANTS SAY THE APPLICANT WILL BE ARRESTED SOON BECAUSE OF HIS FLA ACTIVITIES. ALMEIDA SAID THE APPLICANT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH SOME BOMBS BUT NOT SINCE ALMEIDA CAME TO THE AZORES. HE ADDED, IF THE APPLICANT WAS ARRESTED, HIS COLLEAGUES WOULD TAKE ACTION AND HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THAT NO INCIDENTS OCCUR NOW WHEN THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT IS BEING ORGANIZED. I EXPLAINED THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING TOURIST VISAS, THE FACT THAT THE VICE CONSUL USUALLY HANDLES VISAS AND MADE NO PROMISES.

2. ALMEIDA VOLUNTEERED THAT FLA WAS PLEASED THAT PPD HAD WON THE REGIONAL ELECTION AND THAT IT FAVOURED A SOCIAL DEMOCRACY FOR THE AZORES. HE HINTED THAT FLA HAD A ROLE IN THE PPD'S VICTORY AND THE DROP IN THE CDS VOTE.

3. COMMENT: IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT ALMEIDA MADE A SPECIAL REQUEST IN THIS CASE THUS MAKING IT LOOK AS IF WE ARE DOING FLA A FAVOR IF WE ISSUE A VISA. WE SEE NO GROUNDS FOR DENYING A VISA TO THE APPLICANT. SECTION 212(A)9 (CONVICTION OF A CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPETUDE) DOES NOT APPLY AND HIS PERSONAL  
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CIRCUMSTANCES--JOB, FAMILY, ETC.--WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO

REFUSE HIM BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIES. UNLESS THERE ARE OBJECTIONS,  
WE PLAN TO TREAT THE CASE AS ANY OTHER ONE. WE WILL REQUEST THE  
APPLICANT APPEAR FOR AN INTERVIEW AND THEN, BARRING UNFORESEEN  
CIRCUMSTANCES, ISSUE A TOURIST VISA VALID FOR ONE ENTRY.  
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